

# St Bartholomew's Catholic Church

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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Mass Times and Intentions:

*Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023*

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Sunday of the Word of God*

6.15 pm (Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023)

Dolores Healy RIP

8.30am Intentions of Kimberley

D'Cruz and her sisters

10am Kathleen Linehan RIP

11.30am Patrick Smyth RIP

(Hymn Choir singing at this Mass)

**4pm Benediction**

5pm Michael Cafferkey RIP

**7.30pm TANZANIA SAFARI MEETING**

**IN THE LOWER HALL**

**Third Week in Ordinary Time**

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Rev Cyril Walmsley RIP

(Foundation Mass)

10am Mario & Maria

Pereira Magalhaes RIP

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Memorial)*

*Saint Francis de Sales,*

*Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7.30am Intentions of Alexander D'Rozario

10am Celine Doody RIP

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Feast)*

*The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle*

7.30am Fr Andrew Fernandes RIP

10am Archbishop John Wilson

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Memorial)*

*Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops*

7.30am Fr Paul Sanders RIP

10am Simon Marcus L D'Souza RIP

*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Feria)*

7.30am Fr Kevin O'Hanlon RIP

10am Requiem for Patrick Flynn

**7pm – 9pm Youth Club in the Lower Hall**

*Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Memorial)*

*Saint Thomas Aquinas,*

*Priest & Doctor of the Church*

10am Canon Francis Moran RIP

*Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.15 pm (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023)

People of the parish

8.30am Alain Chettair RIP

10am Peter Chapman RIP

11.30am Thomas O'Connor RIP

**4pm Benediction**

5pm Teresa Florek-Smail RIP

## NORMAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**\*Mass: Monday to Friday 7.30am;**

**Monday – Saturday: 10am;**

**\*Confession: Saturday, after 10am Mass,**

**until 11.30am then from 5pm – 6pm.**

**\*Sunday Masses: (Sat 6.15pm);**

**8.30am; 10am; 11.30am; 5pm.**

**Adoration & Benediction:**

**Mon – Sat 9.30am**

**(First Friday after 10am Mass until 2pm)**

**\*Rosary: Monday – Saturday**

**after 10am Mass**

**Rosary & Benediction: Sunday 4pm**

**(Stations of the Cross during Lent)**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**AND HOUSEBOUND:**

Jessica Anane,

Margaret Asubonteng-Mensah,

Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere,

Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese,

Erna Breese, Agnes Buckley,

Philip Chapman,

Gerard Cowie, Jean Cowie,

Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude,

Terry Folorunso; Raffaella Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd,

Anna Harris, Agnes Healy,

Fr Michael Jones, Terry Jupp,

Fr Louie Kitt, Scarlett Kurowski,

Dorothy Lentini, Philomena Lopez,

James McDonald, Elenaor McLaughlin,

Otiss McLaughlin, Margaret McSharry,

Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern,

Mary O'Sullivan, Thomas Pereira,

Sheila Price, Parwar Saib,

Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott,

Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,

Fr David Standley, Jo Taylor,

Edythe Thirlwall, Joe Vassallo,

Monica Vergara, Michael Wemambu,

Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor,

Charmaine Wise,

Fr Alfred Xuereb SJ; Georgette Yoo Foo

## MASS COVER

We are grateful to Fr Augustine Kinnane (pronounced "Kinnarne") and Father David Standley, as well as Canon Gregory Verissimo and Father Anthony Nwosu from English Martyrs, during Father Deo's recovery.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following:

**Angela Holness,**

late of Pollards Hill North, who died on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Funeral details will follow once arranged.

**Margaret Worrell,**

formerly of Freeman Court, who died on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Her funeral will take place at

St Mary's West Croydon on

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 12.10pm.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory! Our condolences and prayers, as a parish, go to the families.

## POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI RIP

Commemorative prayer cards are now available in the main porch.

## NEXT FREE COFFEE MORNING

This takes place next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 after all morning Masses. This will be hosted by the Knights of St Columba. Our Free Coffee Mornings are certainly proving popular, and it is delightful, after what we have all experienced over the past few years, to see parishioners socialising once again. Do come over to the hall and join the crowd!

## FAREWELL, FATHER AUGUSTINE!

Father Augustine's final Masses here will be the 8.30am & 10am today. We wish him well and thank him for his missionary work in our parish over the past few years. May God go with him. His farewell message to parishioners, is overleaf.

## FATHER DEO'S FOOT

Father Deo is gradually returning to saying Mass, but must still take care.

## CHURCH CLEANING

You will have noticed recently how much cleaner the church is looking. This is due to a few parishioners who have now returned to this task. We should like to get an idea of how many people are available and when they are able to come, so that a formal rota might be set up.

Whether you are one of those people currently cleaning, or if you would like to volunteer, please advise the parish office of your availability and contact details.

### **THE SYNOD PRAYER**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gifts of  
our priests; help them to be strong in their vocation and  
become instruments of your love and grace.

Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and guidance to  
all those you are calling to the priesthood, diaconate  
and religious life in our Archdiocese.

May those called hear your voice and respond  
wholeheartedly to become the person you created them  
to be. Heavenly Father, form us all in the likeness of  
your Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we  
may love you more deeply and serve you more  
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son,  
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.

### **FREE COPIES OF THE CATHOLIC POST**

Please take a copy of this Catholic newspaper from the main  
porch. You are invited to make a donation to our parish,  
using the wall box marked 'CTS & Papers' in the porch.

Please see: [www.CatholicPost.co.uk/subscribe](http://www.CatholicPost.co.uk/subscribe)

### **RETRouvaille – HELP YOUR MARRIAGE**

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to  
register for the next programme commencing with a Face to  
Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February  
2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text  
07887 296983 or

07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com/](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)  
or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk/](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/)

Please also refer to the poster in the main porch.

### **FLOWERS**

We thank sincerely those who have been contributing  
towards decorating the church with flowers.  
They have, like everything else, become very much more  
expensive. If you would like to help us to provide flowers,  
please put your donations, however small, into the wall box  
in the main porch, clearly marked "Flowers".

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Our Safeguarding Officer is Teresa Furtado.  
To contact her [on Safeguarding matters only](#),  
please call: 07933 61458

### **FATHER AUGUSTINE WRITES**

The late U.S. President John F. Kennedy once said,  
"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget  
that the highest appreciation is  
not to utter words but to live by them."

It is against this backdrop that I should like to express  
my sincere gratitude to all you parishioners of  
St Bartholomew's Norbury for your  
kind generosity. Your personal gifts and the beautiful  
words you have both said and written to me are fuel  
that fires me up, ready to do more!

Right from my very first meeting with Fr Deo,  
I was most warmly received, and I felt so very welcome,  
immediately feeling at home. Hence, I could give my  
best to the community. You opened not only your arms  
but your doors to me and made me feel a valued  
member of the parish community.

So many of you, at one point or another, made me feel  
especially loved - not just tolerated. For every kind  
word, amazing conversation, invitation for a meal, each  
gift of a smile, and warm welcome extended to me,  
I say a big thank you!

Please continue to pray for me as I shall for you.

I'll see you again, God willing.

Otherwise, we shall definitely meet at Jesus' feet.

Shalom.

Fr Gus.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

**Our Episcopal Vicar, Father Victor Darlington writes:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 is Racial Justice Sunday.  
Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating a special Mass that  
day at 10am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.

All are invited to attend, and are encouraged to do so in their  
own traditional dress and costumes, and, if they wish, they may  
bring the national flag of their country of origin.

This will indeed add vigour and colour to this special occasion.  
Those attending are kindly requested to arrive in good time, and  
to be seated at least 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

The Cathedral needs an idea of numbers.

If you would like to attend, please call  
Jennifer Da Silva on 07712 273024.

Otherwise, please contact the Racial Justice Commission:

Email: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

Their phone number is: 0333 188 1385.

### **OLD STERLING AND FOREIGN CURRENCY**

If you have any unwanted foreign currency, including old British  
money, please place it in the special basket which may be found  
in the main porch. The SVP can obtain  
some value from such money, to help with their vital work,  
which has become increasingly urgent in these hard times.

### **MASS REQUESTS & OFFERINGS**

Please post your Mass Offering Envelopes through the  
presbytery door. Offerings are voluntary. As a guide, people tend  
to give £10.00. Mass offerings may be Gift Aided too.

**Please note that no date or time can be guaranteed.**

**Nobody should feel embarrassed about requesting a Mass  
Intention if they cannot to make an offering.**